

Consultant Services: Results-based Financing Design Support Consulting Services

Morocco and any other MCC eligible country

MCC-15-RFQ-0113

Response to Solicitation Questions

1. Can organizations apply to this Request for Quotations?

Answer #1: No, only individual consultants may submit quotations.

2. Can the individual consultant subcontract to an organization?

Answer #2: The consultant is authorized to subcontract data collection, data preparation, economic analysis, and related services as needed. The overall costs for subcontracting shall not exceed 25% of the consultant's total negotiated unloaded direct labor cost.

3. Regarding conflicts of interest (Section H) and mitigation plans, can MCC provide similar mitigation plans that other consultants have used, and/or provide the criteria under which a successful mitigation plan will be assessed?

Answer #3: MCC cannot provide more information or a sample of a mitigation plans as that is proprietary information.

4. Should the travel budget be included as part of the proposal or will it be reimbursed separately given the uncertainty around travel?

Answer #4: Travel budget should not be included in the proposal. It will be a separate cost reimbursable line item.

5. How much time per week is expected by the consultant?

Answer #5: This is determined per the COR's direction after award. The contract stipulates a level of effort of 832 hours during the 12-month period of performance, though actual hours may be less than this amount, according to the direction of the COR. A modification to the award directed by the COR with approval by the Contracting Officer may increase the level of effort.

6. How much presence is expected to be necessary in Morocco?

Answer #6: Four trips are anticipated of approximately 7 to 14 days. But, this is determined per the COR's direction after award.

7. How much presence is expected to be necessary in MCC's headquarters?

Answer #7: This is determined per the COR's direction after award. Presence at MCC's headquarter is expected to be occasional.

8. How much additional travel (outside of Morocco or MCC's headquarters) is expected to be necessary?

Answer #8: No additional travel is currently forecast beyond travel to Morocco and MCC's Headquarters, though additional travel may be agreed in consultation between the COR and the Consultant.

9. Can the consultant submit additional data beyond the bio-data for salary justification?

Answer #9: Yes, the consultant can submit additional data beyond the bio-data for salary justification.

10. To the extent that the consultant expects additional inputs to be needed in addition to the consultant's hours (e.g. plane tickets, subcontracting, data collection, transport, etc.), should the RFQ include a budget? How detailed should that budget be and does MCC have a standard budget that all contractors must use?

Answer #10: Air travel, local travel, communications, per diem allowances, miscellaneous travel expenses such as visas and vaccinations, and any allowable costs per the Federal Travel Regulations. Travel will be added as a separate cost reimbursable CLIN.

11. Do you have guidelines related with pricing? How should pricing be determined? Is it possible to clearly define deliverables and activities and price out based on the expected level of effort?

Answer #11: The anticipated level of effort is 832 hours and cost proposals should specify an hourly rate. All activities and deliverables will be established under the direction of the COR.

12. The statement of work document stipulates that the estimated level of effort required to complete the tasks for this requirement under the Base Period is 832 hours. Does this mean that the consultant is not be expected to work any more than 832 hours?

Answer #12: Please see Answer # 5.

13. Is the consultant expected to provide accredited legal advice?

Answer #13: No. Formal, accredited legal advice is not expected under this contract.

14. The statement of work stipulates that: “This consultant shall support MCC’s Morocco transaction team, particularly the Education Project Lead and the Monitoring and Evaluation Lead, in the development of a potential second compact with GoM.” Is all the expected support to these leads included in the Tasks section or are there additional activities not contemplated there?

Answer #14: All activities are described in the Statement of Work.

15. When will it be determined if deliverables will be submitted in English or French?

Answer #15: The language of deliverables will be agreed upon award.

16. Regarding the references, do you require any information at this point except for the references’ name, affiliation, and contact information?

Answer #16: No, the references’ name, affiliation, and contact information is all we need at this time.

17. Is it fine to submit all of the requested materials as one PDF document, or are separate documents preferred?

Answer #17: Please submit the Bio-Data sheet as a separate PDF document.

18. To whom should I address my cover letter?

Answer #18: You may address the cover letter to Ayla-Rebeka Brooks.